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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

REF: (A) STATE 199691, (B) BEIRUT 2876

1. ALTHOUGH THE GENERAL BREAKDOWN OF EQUIPMENT LISTED IN REF A DOES NOT CONTAIN SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT TYPRES AND NUMBERS OF EQUIPMENT TO ALLOW COMPARISON WITH OUR INITIAL LIST DESCRIBED REF B, THE GROSS COST FIGURES AND GENERAL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT APPEAR TO PROVIDE THE TYPE OF SUPPORT ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY BRIG. KHOURY.

2. SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW:

A. ASSUME WEAPONS INCLUDE M-16 RIFLES, .45 CAL PISTOLS, M60 MG'S, .50 CAL MG'S AND 81MM MORTARS.

B. NOTE THAT CERTAIN TYPES OF AMMUNITION WERE OMITTED FROM ORIGINAL LIST (.45, 7.62 AND 106) AND THAT THESE STOCKS WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF WEAPONS.
C. ASSUME "INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT" CATEGORY CONTAINS UNIFORMS, BOOTS AND WEB GEAR.

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2. BRIG KHOURY HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT HIS MAIN INITIAL REQUIREMENTS WERE UNIFORMS, PERSONAL EQUIPMENT, WEAPONS AND THEN VEHICLES. ALTHOUGH THE MAJOR EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO FORM A TACTICAL UNIT, AS OUTLINED REFTELS, THERE STILL REMAINS THE REQUIREMENT TO CLOTHE AND ARM ADDITIONAL RECALLED TROOPS AND NEW RECRUITS. THE LEBANESE STAFF'S PLANNING FIGURE FOR RIFLES AND

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UNIFORMS FOR THE NON-BRIGADE FORCES IS 10,000, AND
KHOURY HAS STATED TO DATT THAT HE CONSIDERS THESE ITEMS
CRITICAL ENOUGH TO ATTEMPT A DIRECT CASH PURCHASE.
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